

REMARKS

Claims 1-120 are pending. In this Response, claims 1, 11, 12, 22, 32, 41, 42, 51, 52, 62, 72, 82, 92, 101, 102, 111 and 112 have been amended.

I. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 41, 51, 101 and 111 have been amended to rewrite claims 42, 52, 102 and 112, respectively, in independent form. Likewise, claims 42, 52, 102 and 112 have been amended to recite new limitations. Furthermore, claims 1, 11, 22, 32, 41, 51, 62, 72, 82, 92, 101 and 111 have been amended to recite "the first single-piece housing portion is not integral with the second single-piece housing portion." Although Applicant believes this feature is inherent in these claims, and thus constitutes a non-narrowing amendment, these claims are so amended to expedite allowance of the case. Finally, claim 12 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error.

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The Specification has been amended to improve clarity. No new matter has been added.

III. INTERVIEW

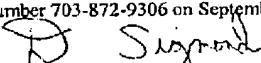
The undersigned attorney conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Baumeister on September 9, 2004 to discuss the issues in the case, and Examiner Baumeister indicated that the case would be allowed if (1) claims 41, 51, 101 and 111 were amended to rewrite claims 42, 52, 102 and 112, respectively, in independent form, and (2) the claims that recite the first and second single-piece housing portions were amended to recite that the first and second single-piece housing portions are not integral with one another.

The claims have been amended in this manner, as mentioned above.

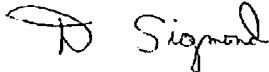
Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Baumeister for his courtesy and cooperation.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at telephone number 703-872-9306 on September 10, 2004.	
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